

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are the recommendations of the Siting, Licensing and Operations Study Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL COURT PASS THE INTEGRATED VERSION OF RSA 162-H DEFINED HEREIN AS A SUBSTITUTE TO THE EXISTING 162-H AND 162-F.
- 2) THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE AS ADVOCATES OF THE POSITION OF THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE IN CASES WHERE OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE DELIBERATING.
- 3) THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE STATE THROUGH THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND BOARDS OR COMMITTEES RECOGNIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AS THE POLICY OF THE STATE AND TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TO INSURE THAT ENERGY RESOURCES ARE USED EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.
- 4) THE COMMITTEE URGES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO RECOGNIZE THAT DEFINITE TIME FRAMES ARE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEEDED ENERGY PRODUCING OR TRANSPORTING FACILITIES. DELAYED CONSIDERATION OF INAPPROPRIATE SITES POSTPONES THE SEARCH FOR BETTER ALTERNATIVES.
- 5) THE COMMITTEE URGES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE LEGISLATURES AND AGENCIES COMPREHENSIVELY REVIEW THE ENERGY IMPLICATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.
- 6) THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZES THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WILL RESULT FROM CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY FACILITIES AND THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE TO INSURE THAT THOSE IMPACTS ARE MINIMIZED.

- 7) THE COMMITTEE STRONGLY URGES STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ACCEPT SATISFACTION OF THE ORIGINAL CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED FOR PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION AS ADEQUATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMANENT OPERATING LICENSE. DEMANDING COMPLIANCE WITH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION FOR A PERMANENT LICENSE IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ORDERLY MARKETPLACE.
- 8) THE COMMITTEE URGES OTHER STATE AGENCIES WHOSE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS MAY INDIRECTLY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE TO CAREFULLY EVALUATE RULINGS WHICH MAY INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF THESE NECESSARY FACILITIES.
- 9) THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL COURT SEPARATE RSA 162-F:14 THROUGH :26 WHICH ESTABLISH AND GUIDE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FUND INTO A DISTINCT STATUTE. THOSE SECTIONS ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO ENERGY FACILITY SITING.

The committee offers these recommendations to Governor Judd Gregg and the General Court in the sincere belief that when instituted a marked improvement to the State's ability to site energy facilities will result. This improvement will enhance the general public's opportunity to comment and make suggestions while providing a more definite process with firm time frames for developers to follow to construct necessary facilities. The committee also believes that these recommendations will clarify the role of the various elements of state government involved and reduce the uncertainties in the siting process. The ultimate result will be that energy resources are made available to the citizens of the State sooner and at a lower cost than they would have been under the existing statutes.